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With God ALL THINGS ARE possible

Maya Civilisation

Year 6

Subject: History

11,000 BCE



First hunter-gatherers settle in Maya region

500 CE



Tikal becomes the first great Mayan city, and as people move there, weaponry, captives and human sacrifices become part of their culture

683 CE



Emperor Pacal dies at 80 and is buried in the Temple of Inscriptions at Palenque

869 CE



Construction stops in Tikal beginning the city's decline

900 CE



Mayan history collapses

2600 BCE



Mayan civilization begins

600 CE



An unknown event destroys Teotihuacan, Tikal becomes the largest city state

715 CE



Mayan alliances breakdown, trade declines and inter-state conflict increases

899 CE



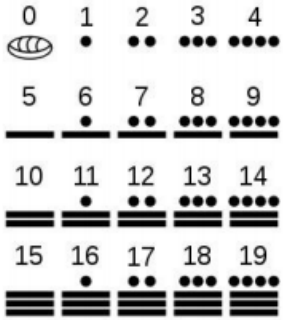
Tikal is abandoned

1528 CE



The Spanish arrive in Mayan land bringing diseases that kill over 90% of the natives

The Mayan Number System





Key People and Places

Chichen Itza



One of the best-preserved examples of a Maya city. It is a popular tourist destination as it shows a series of Maya sculptures, pyramids and natural water sources through sinkholes.

Chaac



The Maya god of rain. The Maya believed that the best way to please their gods was through the sacrifice of animals or humans. If they were experiencing a drought, the belief was that Chaac was punishing them so they would need to sacrifice.

Pakal the Great



Pakal the Great: A king in Mesoamerica whose reign lasted more than 68 years, the longest lasting king in Ancient Maya. He built various intricate temples and was buried with a perfectly preserved jade mask.

Key Vocabulary

aqueduct	An artificial channel for transporting water
Aztec	Indigenous people dominant in Mexico before the Spanish conquest
Chichen Itza	A large city built by the Maya people
civilisation	a human society with its own social organisation and culture.
dynasty	A succession of rulers from the same family
glyph / hieroglyphics	A symbol that has a worded meaning, read like our graphemes.
indigenous	Originating in a particular place.
Maya / Mayan	The collective noun for the Maya people.
Mesoamerica	Region in which the Maya lived, spanning over Mexico and parts of South America.
sacrifice	Slaughtering of an animal or human as an offering to please the gods.
Tikal	One of the largest Maya cities